

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6051-review.docx).

**Title:** Prognostic biomarkers for prediction of recurrence of hepatocellular carcinoma: current status and future prospects

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer. The changes are highlighted in yellow within the manuscript.

*a. Can authors mention the changes of transcriptome after HBV or HCV treatment?*

We have included a section on "Gene signatures from HBV and HCV treatment" to discuss the change of transcriptomics after HBV and HCV treatment in pages 7-8.

*b. Any common candidate genes were found in three different methods.*

Currently, there are no candidate genes commonly identified by the three different methods. This is discussed in the section "Perspectives".

*c. Advantage and disadvantage of three different methods should make a table.*

We have included the discussion of advantages and limitations of the three methods in their respective sections, and summarized in Table 4.

*d. Please refer to more some references on certain tumor suppressor gene for liver cancer recurrence and prognosis.*

We have included a section on "Prognostic values of known HCC oncogenes and tumour suppressors" to discuss the prognostic values of oncogenes and tumour suppressors in HCC (Pages 3-4).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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